



LIBRARY NEWS RELEASE

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Here's Just a Taste of What's Coming Up at the Library!

Save the Dates!

Lafayette Reads Together



Lafayette Reads Together is returning in 2025 to get the whole community reading, discussing, and sharing the same book! The selected read is *Finding Someplace* by Denise Lewis Patrick, who will give a talk at the library in March. In conjunction with the community read, we'll be holding a variety of activities related to LRT starting in January and ending March 29. Learn more about next year's LRT program by visiting lafayettepubliclibrary.org/services/readingprograms.

Writes of Spring Writing Contest

Students in grades K – 12 are invited to submit original pieces of poetry, personal narrative, or short fiction in English, French, or Spanish in our Writes of Spring Writing Contest beginning January 7, 2025. All 7th – 12th graders must submit entries via the online form. Entries are due by March 14, 2025. For more information and submission guidelines, visit lafayettepubliclibrary.org/services/writesofspring or call 337-261-5779.

Library Holiday Hours

All LPL locations will be closed Wednesday, January 1 (*New Year's Day*), and Monday, January 20 (*Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*). The Main and North Regional libraries will be closed Saturday, February 22, for Mardi Gras parades. The Main Library will close early at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 28, for Mardi Gras festivities as well.

Lafayette Reads Together Programs



Cajun Music Jam Session

Join us for live Cajun music by award-winning fiddler Gina Forsyth. Bring your own instrument to play along, or just come enjoy the music! *All ages*

Saturday, January 11

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

West Regional Library, 337-232-9321

I Survived the Library

Test your skills and see if you can survive at the library! Challenge yourself with activities based on Lauren Tarshis's I Survived book series. *Registration is required; ages 9 – 12.*

[Wednesday, January 22](#)

4:30 – 5:30 pm

South Regional Library, 337-981-1028

Silent Book Club

Lounge, snack, and silently read any book of your choosing. No book? No problem! We'll have copies of *Finding Someplace* by Denise Lewis Patrick. Literary discussions are encouraged after the book club is over. *Ages 12– 18.*

Thursday, January 23

4:00 – 5:00 pm

Main Library, 337-261-5778

Wednesday, February 12

5:00 – 7:00 pm

South Regional Library, 337-981-1028

News & Weather Studio Tour

All Ages Join meteorologist Michael Crowley at KADN News Station for a behind-the-scenes look at the news and weather studio. Please provide your own transportation to the station. *Registration is required; all ages.*

[Saturday, January 25](#)

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

KADN Fox15 News Station (1500 Eraste Landry Rd.), 337-232-9321

Survival Food Buffet

Join us in trying out shelf stable foods like camping foods and MREs! *Registration is required; ages 12–18.*

[Tuesday, January 28](#)

5:00 – 6:00 pm

South Regional Library, 337-981-1028

[Thursday, January 30](#)

3:45 – 4:45 pm

North Regional Library, 337-896-6323

[Wednesday, February 5](#)

4:00 – 5:00 pm

East Regional Library, 337-445-3168

Hurricane Force Winds

Can you build a hurricane resistant structure? Use our materials to construct a model building and see if it can stand up to our model hurricane. Participants who sign up will receive a Library lantern. *Registration is required; ages 12–18.*

[Wednesday, January 29](#)

4:00 – 5:00 pm

Main Library, 337-261-5787

[Friday, February 7](#)

4:00 – 5:00 pm

North Regional Library, 337-896-6323

Meteorologist Training

Find yourself in the eye of the storm! Become a meteorologist in front of our green screen! *Registration is required; ages 12–18.*

[Thursday, February 27](#)

5:00 – 6:00 pm

South Regional Library, 337-981-1028

General Audience & Adult Programs

En Garde! Fencing at the Library

Learn the basics of fencing with a group of dedicated practitioners. New classes start on the first Thursday of the month. Contact Jeff Harris at Jefshar1@juno.com for more information. Protective gear provided. *Ages 8 & up.*

Thursdays: January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; February 6, 13, 20, 27

5:30 – 7:30 pm

East Regional Library, 337-445-3168

Golden Groove Line Dancing

Learn line dancing moves to country, R&B, Afro Beats, Hispanic, Zydeco, and Cajun music, then progress to a fun-filled, high-energy calorie burn while grooving to the beat! *Ages 18 & up.*

Thursdays: January 2; February 6

6:00 – 7:30 pm

West Regional Library, 337-232-9321

Zumba at the Library!

Join licensed Zumba instructor Sahra Arabaca for an energetic hour of movement and excitement! *All ages.*

Tuesdays: January 7, 14, 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25

5:30 – 6:30 pm

East Regional Library, 337-445-3168

Fridays: January 10, 24; February 14, 28

4:45 – 5:45 pm

West Regional Library, 337-232-9321

Wednesdays: January 15; February 5, 19
5:30 – 6:30 pm
Main Library, 337-261-5787

Everyday Eats with Second Harvest

Nutrition educator Amy Pham from Second Harvest offers a series of engaging, educational classes with a hands-on cooking demonstration. *Registration is required; ages 18 & up.*

Wednesdays: [Jan. 8 \(Hypertension\)](#); [Feb. 5 \(Diabetes\)](#)
5:00 – 6:00 pm
West Regional Library, 337-232-9321

Thursdays: [Jan. 9 \(Plant Based Cooking\)](#); [Feb. 6 \(Cultural Cooking\)](#)
5:00 – 6:00 pm
South Regional Library, 337-981-1028

Thursdays: [Jan. 23 \(Cholesterol\)](#); [Feb. 20 \(Hypertension\)](#)
5:30 – 6:30 pm
North Regional Library, 337-896-6323

Photographs and Memories

An overview of online image collections for researchers looking for individuals, places and things of an historical nature. *Registration is required; ages 18 & up.*

[Monday, January 13](#); [Friday, February 7](#)
10:00 – 11:00 am
South Regional Library, 337-981-1028

Café Bibliothèque

Join library staff for a cup of coffee and a side of coffee knowledge on a Friday each month! *Registration is required; ages 18 & up.*

Fridays: [January 17 \(Back to Basics\)](#); [February 21 \(Coffee & Chocolate\)](#)
4:00 – 5:00 pm
Main Library, 337-261-5787

Chess Club

Chess players of all levels are welcome to come play. *Registration is required; ages 7 & up.*

Tuesdays: [January 21](#); [February 18](#)
6:00 – 7:00 pm
South Regional Library, 337-981-1028

ERL True Crime Club

Bring your sleuthing skills to the library! Michelle N. Jeanis, PhD, of UL Lafayette's Criminal Justice Department, will present a case for the group to discuss. Prepare as much or as little as you like beforehand. *Ages 18 & up.*

Case: Steven & Cary Stayner

Wednesday, January 22
6:00 – 7:30 pm
East Regional Library, 337-445-3168

Lunar New Year Celebration

Learn about Lunar New Year, decorate a paper fan, and taste some traditional Lunar New Year treats! *Registration is required; ages 18 & up.*

[Wednesday, January 29](#)
11:00 am – 12:00 pm
West Regional Library, 337-232-9321

King Cake Taste Off

Bring a small king cake from your favorite place or make a small one at home. We'll try a piece of each cake and vote on our favorites! *Registration is required; ages 13 & up.*

[Saturday, February 1](#)
1:00 – 3:00 pm
North Regional Library, 337-896-6323

Spring Wreath Making Workshop

Celebrate the approach of spring as you learn to make a whimsical 14-inch wreath in this fun and creative workshop. *Registration is required; ages 18 & up.*

[Wednesday, February 5](#)

2:00 – 4:00 pm

East Regional Library, 337-445-3168

Mug Trade

Have too many mugs but can't say no to another one? Join our trade! Bring a mug to swap and share a warm drink to fight the chill! *Ages 18 & up.*

Wednesday, February 12

6:00 – 7:00 pm

North Regional Library, 337-981-1028

Makerspace & Tech Programs

Let's Make: "Stained Glass" Birds

Put together 3D printed see-through cardinal and blue jay hanging decorations. The Let's Make series allows patrons to use various equipment in the Makerspace while learning how to make digital and physical designs. *Registration is required; ages 13 & up.*

[Monday, January 6](#)

1:00 – 2:30 pm

Main Library, 337-261-5787

Laser Cutting 101

Learn the basics of creating and printing on a laser cutter using CorelDraw. *Ages 13 & up.*

[Thursday, January 9](#)

5:30 – 7:00 pm

[Monday, January 27](#)

1:00 – 2:00 pm
Main Library, 337-261-5787

Makerspace Grab & Go Craft Kits: The More You Read Star Sign

Build your own inspirational shooting star using laser-cut wooden parts! Grab & Go kits will include most of the supplies you'll need and instructions. Available during open access hours, while supplies last. *Ages 13 & up.*

Distribution begins Tuesday, February 11
1:00 pm
Main Library, 337-261-5787

Children & Teen Programs

Coding with Ozobots

Learn the basics of coding with a new challenge each month using color and small programmable robots. *Registration is required; ages 7 – 12.*

Wednesdays: [January 8](#); [February 12](#)
4:00 – 5:00 pm
Main Library, 337-261-5779

Freestyle Art

Use our extra craft supplies or bring your own to create a masterpiece. *Ages 12 – 18.*

Thursday, January 2
2:00 – 4:00 pm
East Regional Library, 337-445-3168

Wednesdays: January 8, 22, 29; February 5, 26
3:00 – 4:00 pm
North Regional Library, 337-896-6323

Mirrorball Magic

Transform mundane objects with some Mirrorball Magic! Using small square mirrored pieces, cover everyday items in total reflective brilliance. *Registration is required; ages 12–18.*

[Monday, January 6](#)

2:00 – 3:30 pm

East Regional Library, 337-445-3168

SMART Savings with Meritus Credit Union

Join Meritus Credit Union to learn to manage your money and make a duct tape wallet. *Registration is required; ages 9 – 12.*

[Monday, January 6](#)

1:00 – 2:00 pm

South Regional Library, 337-981-1028

Tunes & Tales with Acadiana Symphony Orchestra

Foster your child’s love of stories and music by combining instruments and imagination during this fun and interactive collaboration between LPL & ASO. *Ages 3–6.*

Monday, January 6

10:00 – 10:45 am

East Regional Library, 337-445-3168

Torn Paper Snowman

Come in from the cold and join us to make a snowman with torn paper. *Registration is required; ages 5–12.*

[Thursday, January 9](#)

4:00 – 5:00 pm

North Regional Library, 337-896-6323

Clue Countdown

Clues are given in rounds. You'll have to connect the dots to unravel the answer words. You will be victorious! *Registration is required; ages 12–18.*

[Monday, January 13](#)

3:30 – 5:00 pm

West Regional Library, 337-232-9321

Little Gym at the Library

The Little Gym invites children and their parents to come bounce, hop, dance, and roll at the library. *Registration is required; ages 10 months–5 years.*

Wednesday, January 15

[Session 1](#) | 10:15 – 10:45 am (Ages 10 months–2.5 years)

[Session 2](#) | 11:00 – 11:30 am (Ages 2.5–5 years)

West Regional Library, 337-232-9321

[Thursday, January 30](#)

9:15 – 10:00 am (Ages 10 months–2.5 years)

East Regional Library, 337-445-3168

Thursday, February 13

[Session 1](#) | 10:15 – 10:45 am (Ages 10 months–2.5 years)

[Session 2](#) | 11:00 – 11:30 am (Ages 2.5–5 years)

Main Library, 337-261-5779

Lunar New Year Craft

In celebration of Lunar New Year, join us for a fun craft. It's the year of the snake, so we'll have ssssuch a great time! *Registration is required; ages 5–12.*

[Friday, January 24](#)

4:00 – 5:00 pm

West Regional Library, 337-232-9321

Puzzle Panic Party

Finish these jigsaw puzzles as a group, but beware – the clock is ticking! *Ages 12–18.*

[Monday, February 3](#)

3:30 – 5:00 pm

West Regional Library, 337-232-9321

LoveBug Card

Make a colorful, cute Valentine's Day card for someone special. *Registration is required; ages 5–12.*

[Friday, February 7](#)

4:00 –5:00 pm

West Regional Library, 337-232-9321

[Tuesday, February 11](#)

4:00 –5:00 pm

North Regional Library, 337-896-6323

[Wednesday, February 12](#)

4:30 –5:30 pm

South Regional Library, 337-981-1028

Homemade Valentine's Day Cards

Are you in a last minute panic because you haven't bought any Valentine's Day cards? Worry no more, amors, use our supplies and hit them with that homemade charm. *Ages 12–18.*

Thursday, February 13

2:30 – 4:30 pm

East Regional Library, 337-445-3168

Thursday, February 13

4:00 – 5:00 pm

Main Library, 337-261-5778

DIY Heart-Shaped Box

Join us to paint your own keepsake box using provided materials. Keep it for yourself or give it to someone special! *Registration is required; ages 12–18.*

[Wednesday, February 12](#)

4:00 – 5:00 pm

North Regional Library, 337-896-6323

Valentine's Day Baby Ball

Babies can put on their fancy outfits and join us for the sweetest celebration. There will be music, dancing, treats, games and more. *Ages 0–5.*

Friday, February 14

10:00 – 11:00 am

Main Library, 337-261-5779

Courir de Mardi Gras

Celebrate the traditions of both Cajun and Creole Mardi Gras. Make a costume and learn about Courir. *Ages 5 – 12.*

Wednesday, February 26

4:00 – 5:00 pm

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You can find many more programs in our [BookTalk](#). *The newsletter is printed with funds provided by the [Friends of the Lafayette Public Library](#).*

More library programs and events are added each day. Dates and times can change after the printing of this newsletter. For the most up-to-date program information, or to register, please visit our website at [LafayettePublicLibrary.org](#).

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